

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56



Fifth Sunday of Lent Today's Gospel is about the **Cost of Condemnation**. Be careful before you condemn because it comes at a high cost. Notice first the **Collaboration in Condemnation** that takes place. A woman is caught in adultery and the Temple leadership gathers to condemn her and seek to involve Jesus. But in so doing they collaborate with Satan for the scriptures speak of him as our accuser (Rev 12:10). Why work with Satan? Next, notice that Jesus gets them to **Count the Cost** of what they do. They want Jesus to throw the book at her. But Jesus reasons with these men that such a course is not wise. For the Scriptures say, the measure that you measure out to others will be measured back to you (Matt 6). Hence, before they throw the book at her perhaps they do well to consider what is in the book about them. Jesus writes on the ground and one by one they go away realizing it is not wise to insist on strict justice. Finally, in this Gospel there is **Compassionate Correction**. Jesus turns to the woman and without condemning her corrects her by clearly telling her not to commit this sin again.

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, April 7 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*
 8:00am Austin Roe Ketchum †
 11:00am Steven Thompson †
 7:00pm Alice Thornton †
Monday, April 8
 7:00am Thomas L. Campbell †
Tuesday, April 9
 7:00am Veronica Patterson †
Wednesday, April 10
 7:00am Thomas L. Campbell †
Thursday, April 11
 7:00am Almyra Taylor Williams †
Friday, April 12
 7:00am Joseph R. Washington †
Saturday, April 13
 8:00am For the People
 4:30pm James O. Neale †

MASS INTENTIONS: It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass for a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. Note that dates fill in quickly. The customary donation is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-62 John 8:12-20
Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9 John 8:21-30
Wednesday: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-95 John 8:31-42
Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9 John 8:51-59
Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13 John 10:31-42
Saturday: Ezekiel 37:21-28 John 11:45-56

Music Schedule

Processional
 Come and Go with Me LMGM #711
Responsorial Psalm
 The Lord has done great things for us: we are filled with joy.
Gospel Acclamation
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.
Offertory
 * Give Me a Clean Heart LMGM #625
 ** Stand by Me Tom Kendzia
Communion
 * I Know It Was the Blood LMGM #382
 ** The Body of Christ J. Robertson
Recessional
 I'll Say, "Yes, Lord, Yes"
 * 8:00am Mary Johnson, Cantor—George Stewart, Accompanist
 ** 11:00am Youth Choir—L'Tanya Holley, Director – George Stewart, Accompanist
 HCSC Dance Ministry – Gail Bell, Director

**Mass Attendance
 March 31, 2019**

4:30pm 62
 8:00am 124
 11:00am 225
 7:00pm 133
Total: 544

Stewardship Report: March 2—31, 2019

Budgeted Tithes	\$78,845
Actual Tithes Received	\$81,724
Budgeted Goal Percentage	104%

ELECTRONIC TITHING (FAITH DIRECT): We are thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but we realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, **Faith Direct**, that will automatically process any offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **DC59**. If you have questions, you can call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885. Thank you for your continued support of your parish family!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (4/7) 9:30am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (4/10) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Reconciliation 6:30pm Lenten Scripture Study
Monday (4/8) 6:30pm Liturgical Ministers mtg 8:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	Friday (4/11) 6:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Tuesday (4/9) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (4/12) 10:00am Liturgical Dance

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

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PARISH LIFE



PALM SUNDAY is **April 14th**—**Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem:** Solemn Procession will form in front of the church for the 11AM Mass. Solemn Entrance inside the church will also be observed before the 4:30PM, 8AM and 7PM Masses.

Please arrive early!

THIRD SCRUTINY: At the 11AM Mass on Sun., April 7th, we celebrate the final scrutiny for our candidates. The scrutinies help candidates who will be baptized at Easter to confront the reality of sin in their lives and to be strengthened by God's Grace to persevere on the way to salvation. Keep our parishioners who will be baptized, receive their sacraments, and those being accepted into the Church, in prayer during their journey.



BLESSINGS to **Elijah Anthony King** who on **March 31st** was Baptized into the family of Jesus Christ. May God bless him and his family in his journey of faith.



EASTER FLOWERS: Names submitted with your Easter Flower offering envelope will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Please return your envelope to an usher, or the rectory, **NO LATER THAN Sun., April 14th**. Envelopes

available in the rear of the church or from an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.**

Thank you

from the Social Concerns Ministry to each of you for your overwhelming participation and generosity in the **Catholic Charities Lenten Food Drive**. We exceeded our

food goal and received cash donations of \$250. HCSC parishioners and volunteers are the absolute best!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

The Light is ON for YOU.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please make sure you get to confession this Lent. On **Wednesdays during Lent from 6:30—7:15PM** stop by

HCSC and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Churches throughout the Archdioceses of Washington and Arlington offer hours every Wednesday during Lent for confession. Visit <https://thelightison.org> for times/locations.

BIBLE STUDY: Our parish has opportunities for you to fellowship with others for bible study. The Lenten season is a good time to renew your understanding of God's word. We offer the following:

❖ **Monday Nights:** Young Adult Bible Study at 8PM in the rectory parlor.

❖ **Wednesday Mornings:** Adult Bible Study with the Friendly Seniors at 11AM (at the school).

❖ **FINAL—Wednesday Night:** Adult Bible Study with a lite meal of soup (during Lent) at 7PM (meal at 6:30PM) in the rectory basement meeting room.

FINAL—HOLY HOUR and **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on **Friday, April 12th** in the church with **Holy Hour at 6PM** followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7PM**. The final Stations will be led by the **Lectors Ministry**. All are welcome.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ❖ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

YOUTH GOOD FRIDAY PAGEANT: Calling all youth actors!!! Our Youth Ministry will host a presentation of the Lord's Passion at the Good Friday 7pm service on April 19th. **Rehearsals are immediately after 11AM Mass.** If you'd like to participate please contact the Youth Director.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Topic to be discussed **April 9th**—**"WHY GENDER MATTERS"** with **speaker Fr. Carter Griffin**. Bring your friends (Catholic or not!) and meet other young professionals for Happy Hour at Buffalo Billiards at DuPont Circle from **6—7PM** with live music starting at 7PM! For more info visit us on facebook at DCCatholic, and on twitter at #totDC.

7—CHURCH WALK: DCCatholic invites all young adults (20s and 30s) to the 16th Annual 7 Church Walk, **Sat., April 13th**! Join hundreds of young adults for the annual **six mile** Lenten pilgrimage continuing a Roman tradition in DC. Register for **FREE** tickets at ADW.org/event/seven-church-walk. **Meet: 10AM**, Immaculate Conception Church in Shaw. **Bring: Comfortable shoes, rosary, bag lunch or lunch money.**

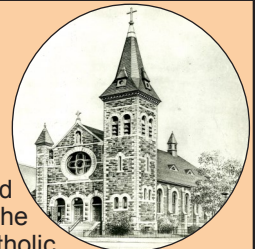
YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 8PM** in the rectory. Join other young adults with Msgr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. We are studying the **Gospel of John**. Come and meet other young adults in our parish



CELEBRATING the 125TH ANNIVERSARY of the ESTABLISHMENT of SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH

"A LEGACY OF ENDURING FAITH"

We are planning various activities and events **throughout 2019** to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Saint Cyprian Catholic Church. **Pickup a brochure** in the vestibule of the church near the displays of photos and artifacts from Saint Cyprian Church for more information on upcoming events. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks (pam@hscchurch.org, or 202-546-1885). For more information visit our website at hscchurch.org.



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To learn more about our parish community or if you are interested in joining, contact us at: hscstaff@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7am (Chapel)
Saturday 8am (Chapel), 4:30pm (Vigil); Sunday 8am, 11am, and 7pm

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, and Fri, 9am—8pm;
Wed and Thurs, 9am—5pm; Sat, 9am—1pm; and, Sun, 9am—2pm.
For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.

• Pastor's Media Links: MSGRPOPE.com

• HCSC App: myParishapp.com

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